

II. SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

After the Title and before the first paragraph, please insert the following new paragraph:

- - This application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/003413, International Filing Date, March 31, 2004, which designated the United States of America, and which international application was published under PCT Article 21(2) as WO Publication No. WO 2004/089583 A3 and which claims priority from German Application No. 103 16 303.4, filed April 8, 2003.- -

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 12 - 20 with the following:

Cutter heads of the generic type are known from the prior art. For example, the publication US 3,491,818 discloses a knife for a meat-cutting machine with a cutter head which is arranged on a shaft having a conical stem. A bushing with an annular rosette is arranged on the stem. The cutting edges are arranged on the bushing alternating with locking adjusting disks, the adjusting disks bringing about an identical axial distance of the cutting edges from one another. In order to adjust the cutting edges, use is made of micrometer adjusting screws. The cutter head is fastened to the conical stem by means of a nut.

However, these cutter heads have the disadvantage that they can be fitted only with comparative complexity because the cutter head disks can generally only be fitted on the cutter shaft together with the knives. Furthermore, the cutter heads are comparatively unhygienic because the material to be cut can

collect within the cutter head disk and between the cutter head disk and the knives fitted on it.

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1, line 21:

The publication D2 (DE 304 079 C) discloses a machine for cutting meat in which two groups of knives are arranged perpendicularly with respect to each other in such a manner that the cutting material is grasped by both groups of knives. The groups of knives can be removed as a whole from the machine in order to clean them.

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, line 32 to page 2, line 2 with the following:

The envelope is preferably composed of plastic. This embodiment of the present invention has the advantage that the cutter head disk has a comparatively low weight, which is a positive attribute during transportation, during installation and at high rotational speeds. Furthermore, plastic envelopes are comparatively elastic, with the result that the cutter head disks and the associated knives can readily be fixed against one another and in a sealing manner.